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Lieutenant General David A. Burchinal  
The Director, Joint Staff  
Organization of the Joint Chiefs of Staff  
The Pentagon  
Washington, D.C. 20301

Dear General Burchinal:

The Central Intelligence Agency regularly conducts a Midcareer Executive Development Course for selected officers with the potential to advance to positions of senior responsibility in the future. In the fall of 1965, as the result of correspondence between Admiral Raborn and Lieutenant General Joseph F. Carroll, Director, Defense Intelligence Agency, and with the assistance of Brigadier General Richard W. Whitney, Assistant Chief of Staff for Plans and Programs, Defense Intelligence Agency, we were able to incorporate into each Midcareer Course a number of briefings on major military aspects of the current world situation. One of these briefings, covering the capabilities of the United States to counter the Sino-Soviet military threat, has been given by officers of the Strategic Plans and Policy Division, J-5, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

I would like to express our appreciation to the officers who have addressed the three Midcareer Courses conducted since last fall: Colonel Richard G. Bulgin, USAF, who spoke in October, 1965; Colonel H.H. Long, USMC, who spoke in February, 1966; and Colonel Edward Ramsey, USA, who addressed the most recent course on 17 June 1966. Each of these officers has contributed significantly to the value of the Midcareer Course.

We are anxious to continue these excellent briefings for future Midcareer Courses. I believe, however, that it would be more appropriate to address to you our request for a speaker from the Joint Staff than to ask the Defense Intelligence Agency to

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forward such a request on our behalf. The Training Officer in charge of the Midcareer Course, [redacted] is prepared to make future arrangements directly with Colonel Ramsey or whomever you may designate as Action Officer. I hope that we may count on your approval and support of this continuing requirement.

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Sincerely,

Richard Helms  
Director

ORIGINATOR:

JOHN RICHARDSON

1 JUL 1966

John Richardson  
Director of Training

Date

CONCURRENCE:

11 JUL 1966

SIGNED R. L. Bannerman

Date

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